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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE ANNIVERSARY MEETING: FORMATION ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY OF GREAT LAKES

1. PRESIDENTS BURUNDI, RWANDA, AND ZAIRE MET SEPT. 18-20 LAKE  
KIVU RESORT AT GISENYI, OCCASION TENTH ANNIVERSARY FORMATION  
TRIPARTITE. FINAL COMMUNIQUE TREATED FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. FONRELS: USUAL STATEMENTS AFRICAN UNITY, TRIPARTITE  
IDENTITY OF VIEWS, CONDEMNATION KILLINGS OF AFRICANS BY SOUTH  
AFRICAN/RHODESIAN REGIMES AND CREATION BANTUSTANS IN ORDER  
PERPETUATE DISCRIMINATION.

B. INT. ECONOMY: DEPLORED PRESENT SYSTEM WHICH MAINTAINS  
3/4 HUMANITY IN CONDITIONS MISERY, IGNORANCE, AND POVERTY,  
CALLED FOR MORE JUST BASIS INT. COOP. PARTICULARLY CONCERNING  
LDDC'S IN ORDER END EXPLOITATION OF POOR BY RICH, COMMENDED  
OAU CALL FOR DEC. 76 MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION.

C. ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF GREAT LAKES: THREE PRES.  
SIGNED CONVENTION CREATING COMMUNITY IN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZE  
TRIPARTITE AND GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO COOPERATION AMONG PARTNERS.

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GISENYI TO BE COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS. PERMANENT EXECUTIVE

SECRETARIAT TO BE NAMED, MICOMBERO CHOSEN AS FIRST PRESIDENT.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO "ALL STATES IN REGION DESIRING  
CONTRIBUTE IN CONCRETE FORM TO REINFORCING AFRICAN UNITY."

2. DESPITE CRITICAL PROBLEM LACK SUFFICIENT HOTEL SPACE  
(WHICH RESULTED REQUISITIONING SEVERAL EXPATRIATE HOMES),  
MEETING TOOK PLACE RELAXED AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. DIPLOMATIC  
CORPS AND GOR MINISTERS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED CONVOKED FOR  
OPENING SESSION, TOLD TO RETURN TO KIGALI (5 HOURS BY ROAD),  
THEN CONVOKED SECOND TIME TWO DAYS LATER FOR CLOSING  
SESSION AT WHICH HABYARIMANA MADE EXCUSES FOR MEAGER GOR  
RECEPTION FACILITIES. ACCORDING SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS,  
EMPHASIS WAS CLEARLY ON CELEBRATION. FORMAL SPEECHES BY  
THREE PRES. ESSENTIALLY DEVOID SUBSTANCE, CONCENTRATING INSTEAD  
ON REVIEW EVENTS SINCE TRIPARTITE FORMATION IN KINSHASA,  
AUG 1966.

3. RWANDANS PLEASED RESULTS MEETING AND FLATTERED AT CHOICE  
OF GISENYI AS COMMUNITY HDQS. ALTHOUGH MINISTERIAL SESSION  
ON CREATION COMMUNITY HELD KIGALI JUNE 1975, THERE STILL NO  
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS INSTALLATION SECRETARIAT AND IT APPARENT  
NEW ORGANIZATION NOT HIGHEST ON THREE NATIONAL AGENDAS.  
WHEN ASKED IF OTHER COUNTRIES HAD BEEN APPROACHED  
REGARDING COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP, GOR PRESIDENCY NOTED THIS  
"A LONG TIME IN FUTURE".  
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